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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 21, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Mary Kamienski, Dr. Ernest Leva,
Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Dr. Thomas Whalen

Members Excused: Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Frank Briglia, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Dr.
Frank Cunningham, Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito,
Dr. Anthony Greenberg

Guests: Ms. Regina Broadbelt, Mr. Steven Cohen, Ms. Linda Curtis, Ms.
Marilyn Kent

Department of Health and Senior Services: Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Linda Woolverton
Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ernest Leva at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for both May 17, 2005, and November 15, 2005.

Chairperson's Report

• School emergency preparedness

- Dr. Leva has discussed with the NJ American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP) to include this topic in their annual October conference.
- Dr. Leva has also requested that the NJAAP co-sponsor a school emergency preparedness conference, where school administrators and nurses jointly attend.
- Additional co-sponsors could be identified
 - Department of Education-supplying a venue
 - Emergency Nurses Association, etc. supplying speakers
- Dr. Mary Kamienski is presenting at the 2006 NJEA conference (school preparedness and pharmacology)

- Federal EMSC Grant
 - Funds may be zeroed out
 - Dr. Leva offered to prepare letters to Senators, Congressman opposing the elimination of these funds
 - All members should develop suggestions on how to restore and/or generate monies
 - Example: EMT Training Fund is supported by a \$0.50 surcharge on every moving traffic violation. Currently this fund generates between \$1.8 and \$2 million dollars annually.
 - Example: Aeromedical Fund is supported by a \$1 surcharge on all motor vehicle registrations. Money is split between DHSS and NJSP for operations and staffing of helicopters. Bill recently passed to increase surcharge to \$3.
 - EMS System Assessment to be conducted. Funding is one of the components to be addressed
 - Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein was requested to prepare a list of all activities supported by EMSC funds within New Jersey since the program began.

OEMS Report

- 2006 Conference
 - Combined EMSC conference with Statewide EMS Conference
 - Sheraton, Atlantic City
 - November 2, 3, 4
 - Friday 4th EMS Awards Dinner
 - Promotion of conference will include mailings to surrounding States
- 2006 Spring Newsletter will be ready March for April distribution.
 - Next issue to include new American Heart Association guidelines
- American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Emergency Medicine Report Card New Jersey received a grade of C+. This should have been an A- (typo). Dr. William Felegi is the NJ point person for the report.

Old Business

- School Nurses in Service
 - Concluded this series on managing students with Allergies
 - Northern sites have the largest attendance
 - Need to identify a topic for fall 2006 series (special needs children was suggested)
- School Medical Equipment- still in Treasury, purchase paperwork should be released any day.

New Business

- National ACEP updating hospital equipment list. Dr. Sacchetti was unsure when prehospital list would be updated
- Prehospital Treatment Trends
 - In Central NJ
A concern was raised that EMS providers are not routinely using the Broselow Tape for pediatric patients. This is resulting in children receiving inappropriate drug dosages.
 - Vascular access is not being attempted on patients who would benefit from this treatment
 - In Southern New Jersey
Scene times maybe extended as advanced life support (ALS) providers attempt vascular access
 - Dr. Leva was requested to attend the ALS medical directors meeting on March 13 to discuss these issues.
- Potassium Iodide study-after the distribution of this medication to areas potentially affected by an emergency at a nuclear power plant, citizens and health care providers were unable to recall the proper pediatric dosages. This issue should be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

2006 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Tuesday, August 15, 2006
Tuesday, November 21, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NJ Hospital Association
760 Alexander Road, Princeton